

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 483

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Fred J. Page High School Marching Patriot Band on being named Reserve Grand Champion at the Tennessee Division II State Marching Band competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in an art, craft, or trade has garnered them accolades and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's young musicians for their brilliant musical skills and their ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary work and dedication of the young women and men of the Fred J. Page Marching Patriot Band helped them earn the title of Reserve Grand Champion at the Tennessee Division II State Marching Band Championship competition at Independence High School on November 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a previous six-time winner of the competition, the Marching Patriot Band was bested by an East Tennessee competitor by the narrowest of margins in the 2010 competition. Undaunted, they returned this year and renewed their prowess as a grand champion corps by upending last year's champion and regaining the coveted reserve championship title; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of first-year director, Matt Emerson, the Marching Patriot Band worked diligently to prepare for what has been a span of successes, rounding out the regular competition season by earning first place in their division at the United States Scholastic Band Association Tennessee State Championship on October 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a relatively small corps, the Marching Patriot Band has fielded sixty-eight members, including thirteen first-year members, and has successfully competed against bands more than twice their size. Most impressively, their persistence, skill, and mastery have propelled them to heights of achievement that surpassed all expectations for the year; and

WHEREAS, the Marching Patriot Band has been successful in competitions and has enjoyed a season of superb performances; the perennial dedication of members, parents, boosters, local music educators, and the community has proven fruitful and fulfilling for the Marching Patriot Band and has given continuity to a tradition of excellence for which Fred J. Page High School is known; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to these remarkable student-musicians, both individually and collectively, for their hard work and many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor the Fred J. Page High School Marching Patriot Band on a highly successful year of performances and competitions; we congratulate them on being named the Reserve Grand Champion of the Tennessee Division II State Marching Band Championship; and we offer our fondest wishes for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.